

C H A P.
XXI.Fines on ju-
rors, &c. ne-
glecting to
appear, &c.

XV. And, whereas the fines which can by law be imposed upon jurors and witnesses for not attending court, when legally summoned thereto, are found inadequate to the purpose; *Be it enacted*, That in all cases when jurors or witnesses shall be hereafter legally summoned to appear at the general court, and shall without sufficient excuse neglect to appear and attend according to such summons, the judges of the general court may fine such delinquent according to their discretion, not exceeding fifty pounds; and whenever any jurors or witnesses shall be legally summoned to attend the respective county courts, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear and attend as required by the summons, such delinquent may be fined by the justices of the respective county courts any sum not exceeding thirty pounds common money.

Aug. & Nov.
courts on E.
shore abolish-
ed, &c.

XVI. And, whereas by the bill of rights and form of government, the general assembly of this state is directed to be holden in the month of November yearly, and by law the several and respective county courts are directed to be holden in the same month, which is found by experience to be very inconvenient; *Be it therefore enacted*, That the respective county courts on the eastern shore, which, by act of assembly, are directed to be holden in the months of August and November yearly, be abolished, and that the same be hereafter held in the months of June and October; that is to say, The several and respective county courts on the eastern shore, which were held in the months of August and November, shall hereafter be held in the same weeks in the months of June and October that the said county courts by law were directed to be held in the months of August and November, and that all acts, proceedings, and other matters whatever, which ought or might have been done or executed at the said August and November courts by the justices and officers of the said respective courts, shall and may be done and executed at the several and respective county courts to be held in the months of June and October as aforesaid, and such acts, proceedings and other matters, so to be had, done and executed, shall be as good and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if had, done or executed, at the said August and November court before mentioned; and the commissioners of the tax in the several counties shall meet on the same days in August next, to hear appeals, as they would or ought to have done had this law not been made, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Continuance.

XVII. This act to continue for and during the space of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said seven years.

Continued for seven years, &c. by the act of 1785, ch. 77.

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A Supplementary ACT to an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law.

Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts have been conceived under the act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, passed in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-three, whether persons under the age of twenty-one years are intended to be bound by any deed or conveyance made and executed by the guardian or guardians only of such persons under age, pursuant to the direction of the court of chancery, in the cases in the said act specified:

Deeds, &c.
made by guar-
dians of per-
sons under
age, good and
valid, &c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the twentieth day of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, any person or persons under the age of twenty-one years, seized or possessed of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, in trust, or by way of mortgage, or seized or possessed thereof, charged or chargeable with the payment of money or tobacco, and therefore subject or liable to a decree for sale, or bound by an agreement to convey, made by some person or persons having right or title to make such agreement, and therefore subject or liable to a decree for sale, or bound by an agreement to convey, made by some person or persons having right or title to make such agreement, and therefore subject or liable to a decree for conveyance on a suit for